

THE COMING COUNTY CONVENTIONS

Full Proceedings of the Executive Committee.

The Democratic county executive committee met at Titusville the 14th day of April, 1900, in pursuance of the call of the chairman, for the purpose of calling the county conventions and such other business as might come before them.

Those present at the meeting were: T. V. Moore, chairman; John H. Wynn, Tom Johnson, W. C. Braddock, Sr., W. C. Peterson, C. R. Stewart, by John Henry, proxy; R. A. Conkling, by T. V. Moore, proxy; K. B. Raulerson, by T. V. Moore, proxy; Geo. Chester, by J. H. Wynn, proxy.

Upon examination the proxies being found regular and correct they were admitted, and on motion John Henry was elected secretary pro tem.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion the board of public instruction is requested to re-district the county at their regular meeting in July, 1900, into three school districts, in accordance with chapter 4193, No. 79, of the laws of Florida, according to the registration books at that date.

On motion the executive committee hereby recommends the appointment of Mr. R. E. Mims as a member of the board of public instruction for the second district in place of R. N. Andrews, resigned, and that the secretary notify the state superintendent of public instruction of this action of the committee.

On motion it was unanimously resolved that the recommendation for appointment of county commissioners be relegated to the Democratic county executive committee in accordance with the platform and recommendation of the St. Augustine convention, and as was the custom prior to the year 1898.

CALL FOR COUNTY CONVENTIONS.

On motion it was resolved, That a county convention be called to meet at Titusville, Fla., on Tuesday, May 15th, at 3 p. m., for the purpose of electing five delegates to the Democratic state convention, to be held at Jacksonville, Fla., on June 19, 1900, and also five delegates to the congressional convention of the second district, to be held at Gainesville, Fla., May 22, 1900;

Also, That a convention be called to meet at Cocoa, Fla., on Tuesday, August 21, 1900, at 4 p. m., for the purpose of nominating a member of the house of representatives, and all county officers to be voted for and elected by the people at the next general election, to be held in November, 1900, as follows:

A member of the house of representatives, a clerk of the circuit court, a county judge, a sheriff, a superintendent of public instruction, a county surveyor, a county prosecuting attorney, a county assessor of taxes, a county tax collector, a county treasurer, three members of the board of public instruction, one from each school district, and also to select a Democratic county executive committee, to serve for the next ensuing two years.

Each precinct will be entitled to the following number of delegates to each county convention, and also to the senatorial convention, to be hereafter called by the senatorial committee, making in all three sets of delegates, one for each convention, on the basis of one delegate for each ten votes and one delegate for each fraction of ten votes exceeding five, cast for the Democratic nominee for the legislature in 1898. Precincts casting less than ten votes to be entitled to one delegate each, in accordance with the resolution of the executive committee as passed unanimously on October 6, 1898, and published in the county papers at that time:

La Grange	2	Titusville	12
City Point	1	Rockledge & Cocoa	4
Eau Gallie	3	Melbourne	1
Malabar	1	Sebastian	1
Fort Pierce	1	Eden	2
Fort Drum	2	Narrows	1
Georgiana	1	Merritt	2
Canaveral	1	Haulover	1
Ankona	1	Mico	1
White City	1	Woodley	1
Banyan	1		

No allotment is made for Spruce Bluff, as the county commissioners have discontinued the precinct.

The precinct committeemen herein-after named shall call a precinct primary meeting of the voters of their respective precincts entitled to vote under this call, at such places as may be most convenient to a majority of those entitled to vote as the said committee's judgment shall dictate, not later than May 12, 1900, by giving public notice of such primaries, stating plainly the place of meeting and the time of opening and closing of such primaries, by posting in at least three public places in each precinct, where a newspaper is not published, and at least one week in advance of the meeting of said primary, and in precincts where a newspaper is published at least once by publication in said newspaper, at least one week in advance of such meeting.

In view of the inconvenience of attending the primaries in a majority of the precincts, it is recommended and requested that the precincts elect the delegates to all the conventions at one meeting. They can elect the same delegates to all three of the conventions or different delegates to each convention as each precinct may decide for itself.

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who are entitled to register when the books are open and who will so register and vote. No person shall be entitled to vote in any precinct primary except in the precinct in which they are entitled to vote at the general election.

The members of the precinct committees are to be the judges of those entitled to vote in their respective primaries.

The following persons are herewith appointed precinct committees for the purpose of holding the precinct primaries in their respective precincts:

La Grange—W. W. Ballard, L. K. Myers, Geo. B. Gardner.

Titusville—W. N. Hendry, O. A. Stewart, J. P. Goldsmith.

City Point—T. A. Robinson, W. H. Sharpe, J. R. Mathis.

Rockledge—J. P. Cooper, G. S. Hardee, J. D. Almond.

Eau Gallie—B. J. Stewart, John Houston, J. E. M. Hodgson.

Melbourne—S. F. Gibbs, E. A. Morgan, S. M. Martin.

Malabar—R. A. Conkling, E. B. Arnold, G. W. Washburn.

Sebastian—W. C. Braddock, Sr., G. B. Hall, Ivey Lawson.

Fort Pierce—G. S. Tucker, C. F. Olmstead, James E. Andrews.

Eden—W. F. Richards, Mont Hardee, W. D. Edwards.

Fort Drum—H. L. Parker, H. A. Holmes, Dan Sloan.

Narrows—F. C. Poppell, C. J. Reams, J. J. Roberts.

Georgiana—P. H. Wittfeld, E. V. Hall, Fritz Ulrich.

Merritt—J. R. Miot, J. D. Sams, T. H. Sanders.

Canaveral—Henry Wilson, N. King, W. C. Peterson.

Haulover—C. H. Nauman, G. Nolle, J. W. Griffin.

Ankona—J. N. Waller, A. E. Saeger, W. C. Rawlinson.

Mico—R. T. Smith, H. F. Nuckolls, J. E. Rainey.

Banyan—J. A. Booth, P. A. McMillan, B. J. Hilliard.

White City—J. F. Bell, E. J. Trainor, W. S. Pitts.

Woodley—E. C. Walker, Lewis Harris, G. W. Keith.

All credentials to be signed by a majority of the precinct committees of their respective precincts.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Attest: T. V. MOORE, Chairman.

JOHN HENRY, Secretary pro tem.

State Medical Men.

The Florida State Medical association held its annual meeting in Orlando Wednesday and Thursday of last week. The physicians who were present report the most successful meeting in the history of the association, and no doubt a great deal of good was accomplished.

Papers on many different topics were read and discussed thoroughly, especially the treatment of smallpox, which has given physicians throughout this state considerable trouble during the past year. Different methods of treatment and of prevention were introduced and discussed.

Wednesday night the members of the association were banqueted by the citizens of Orlando, and a magnificent spread was put before them. Speeches and toasts were given and responded to by different members of the association, and a most thoroughly enjoyable time is reported.

Jacksonville was selected as the place for the next meeting of the association, which will be on the second Wednesday in April, 1901.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Dr. W. L. Hughlett, of Cocoa, president; Dr. J. G. Lamar, of Quincy, first vice-president; Dr. W. D. Newsum, of Ocala, second vice-president; and Dr. J. D. Fernandez, of Jacksonville, secretary and treasurer.

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Mr. M. O. Eldridge, acting director of the office of public road inquiries of the agricultural department, has just returned from a trip to Florida, says the Washington Star. He went south to attend and address a good roads convention, held at Orlando, and to examine the tropical conditions under which good roads are now being built in various parts of that state.

In an interview with a Star reporter Mr. Eldridge said: "In spite of the great freeze of 1895, which almost paralyzed the orange industry of Florida, the people of that state have built, under these trying conditions, hundreds of miles of good roads. These highways are as durable as the stone and gravel roads of some of the northern states, and on account of the luxuriant tropical growth which borders them on every hand they are as beautiful as any highways I have ever seen, not excepting the masterpieces of the roadbuilder's art which traverse the rocky slopes of the Alps. The most remarkable thing about these roads is the cost, which is only about one-sixth as much as the stone and gravel roads of the northern states."

Roads fifteen feet wide are being constructed in Orange county, in the vicinity of Orlando and Winter Park, for \$500 per mile, and where convict labor can be had (which fortunately is very scarce in Florida) good roads have been built for \$250 per mile. This remarkably low cost is due to the fact that these roads were built by simply mixing the sand, of which the original roads were composed, with clay, which has been discovered at various points in the state. A large deposit of this clay was discovered near Bartow, and many of the streets and roads in Orange county have been built by mixing Bartow clay with sand, which, when placed upon the prepared sand foundation and rolled, so consolidates and cements together as to form a compact and smooth surface. After these roads are once built they are not worn and cut to pieces like the highways of the north, due to the fact that no deep freezes occur to disrupt their surfaces and foundations in winter, and that the water flows rapidly to the sides of the road during continued rains and sinks into the sandy soil alongside. Another reason why these roads do not wear rapidly is that many of the vehicles in Florida, even the buggies and light spring wagons, have been provided with wide tires, and have thus become road makers. As a result of wide tires and good drainage some of the streets of Orlando, Fla., which were built over ten years ago of sand and clay, are as good, if not better, today than they were when they were built."

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